

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:162
ANSWERED ON:03.03.2003
SETTING UP OF COLD STORAGE PLANTS
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have been providing assistance to private entrepreneurs in setting up cold storage plants for non-horticultural products;
- (b) if so, the details of the assistance given for such storage plants;
- (c) the details of funds released for this purpose during 2002- 2003.
- (d) whether there is a proposal to expand this scheme to boost marketing in rural areas; and
- (e) if so, the details of the plans to encourage storage of non- horticulture products in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (e) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 162 for answer on 3rd March, 2003 regarding setting up of cold storage plants.

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): The Ministry of Food Processing Industries has assisted the setting up of four cold storage plants for non- horticulture products in the 9th Plan period. Total assistance provided by the Ministry to these 4 cold storage plants was Rs. 125 lakhs. In the year 2002-03, Rs.75 lakhs have been released for another 2 such projects.

(d) & (e): There has been a significant enhancement in the 10th Plan outlay for the Ministry of Food Processing Industries, a substantial part of which is earmarked for development of infrastructure. Infrastructure development includes strengthening of integrated cold chain, setting up of value added centres and other post-harvest handling systems for horticulture and non-horticulture produce, which is expected to provide a boost to marketing of agro-produce of rural areas.